

The Watchman and Southern.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. R. P. Evans, of Charleston, is visiting Mrs. W. H. Bryan on North Main Street.

Mr. W. H. Smith, of Camden, passed through the city on Thursday on his way home, after closing his school in Dillon county, where he has been teaching.

Mrs. Mary Augustin, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. W. Vogel, has returned to Van Wert, Ohio.

Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Phifer, of Birmingham, Ala., are visiting Dr. Phifer's brother, Mr. C. M. Phifer on Oakland Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Anderson, of Summerton, were in the city today.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bentz and little daughter, of Greenville, are visiting friends in the city.

Mr. J. Boone Aiken, of Greenville, general agent of the Southeastern Life Insurance Company, with headquarters at Florence, was a visitor to the city on Saturday.

Miss Martha Alderman of Alcolu was a visitor to the city on Monday.

Mr. Frank P. Burgess of Manning was in town to-day.

Dr. W. A. Alston of Hagood spent the day in town.

Messrs. J. G. Dinkins and Raymond Schwartz of the Euphrasian Literary Society are two of the contestants in an oratorical contest at the University of South Carolina.

The Rev. J. P. Marion of the Sumter Presbyterian Church, preached the baccalaureate sermon at Chicora College to the graduates on Sunday morning.

Death.

From The Daily Item, May 17.

News was received here this afternoon of the death in Columbia shortly after 2 o'clock today, of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Manning. The little girl was taken sick three days ago, and was carried to Columbia Saturday for treatment. Mr. Manning was away on a trip North, but was summoned home, and reached Columbia Saturday night, in time to be at the bedside of his little one before death occurred. The baby will be brought to Sumter tomorrow morning, at 9.45. The funeral services will take place from the Church of the Holy Comforter, with the interment at the cemetery.

Death of Miss Seabrook.

From The Daily Item, May 17.

Miss Marie G. Seabrook died at 11.30 this morning, after a very brief illness. Miss Seabrook, whose home is at Summerville, S. C., was here on a visit to her brother, Marion W. Seabrook, Esq. She was stricken after retiring Saturday night, with an attack of acute indigestion which resulted in her death this morning. The funeral services will be held at the Church of the Holy Comforter at 8.30 A. M., tomorrow, and the body will be sent home for burial.

Death of J. S. Coulter.

From The Daily Item, May 17.

J. S. Coulter, who lived a few miles north of town, died this morning at his home on the White's Mill road, aged 68 years. The deceased is survived by a wife and four small children.

The funeral services will be held at Salem Baptist church tomorrow, Tuesday, morning at 12 o'clock and the body will be interred at the cemetery.

Sumter's Beautiful Spirit.

One of the most appreciated things in connection with the entire disaster was the beautiful and magnanimous spirit with which the citizens of Sumter came to Manning's rescue. In the pandemonium which reigned of course, the reports which went out were somewhat exaggerated, as many wires were down, but when the Sumter people heard of our plight the fire bell was rung and continued to ring until hundreds of people were assembled, and when they were told of the trouble at Manning about seventy-five cars with probably one hundred and fifty people, doctors, trained nurses and citizens, with bandages, surgical instruments and other means with which to alleviate suffering came to Manning to render all the assistance they could. The citizens of Manning will never forget this beautiful spirit on the part of the people of her sister city, Sumter.—Manning Times.

The fishermen report that they are having better luck with hook and line than for years. The removal of fish traps from the streams is responsible for the condition and it is hoped that the fish wardens will keep the streams open.

FIRST PRELIMINARY DRILL.

Eleven Men Chosen to Drill at Ball Park to Select Commencement Squad.

At the preliminary drill at the Calhoun school on Friday eleven boys were picked to drill in the competitive drill at the ball park later from which number six men will be selected to drill at commencement. The men picked at the preliminary competitive drill were Alva Solomons, English DesChamps, Wiley Brazeal, Alwyn Burns, Carlyle Stuckey, Aubrey Bradham, John Gallagher, Felder Smith, Charles Curtis, Walter Mims, and Archie Richardson.

LITTLE DAMAGE IN LEE.

Cotton Warehouse and Singletary Residence Damaged, but Rain Was Needed by Cotton Crop.

The storm that did such damage last Friday at Manning, Marlboro and in Sumter county, struck the upper portion of Lee county with considerable force, but aside from blowing down one tenant house and the beating up by hail of the oat crop and young cotton and corn in the Rose Hill section, it was not serious. The wind blew hard here for awhile and one section of the cotton warehouse was blown down. Mr. R. H. Singletary had the top of one of his chimneys blown off.

The rain was very acceptable last Friday even if it was accompanied by high winds and considerable hail. More than half the cotton crop was not out of the ground and the oat crop was getting to be a serious problem so far as making anything. Farmers were complaining of not having anything to do as they were through planting and nothing up for them to work.—Leader and Vindicator.

LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

Will Begin Sunday, May 23rd, and Close Friday May 28th—Twenty-five Graduates.

The annual commencement exercises of the Lincoln Graded School will begin on next Sunday morning and will continue through the week, ending on Friday evening, May 28th, when twenty-five graduates will be given diplomas for completing the course. The program of exercises will be held in the Lincoln School auditorium, and is as follows:

PROGRAM.

Sunday morning, May 23, 11.00 A. M., Annual Sermon—Dr. J. H. Murph, Mt. Pisgah A. M. E. Church.
Wednesday Evening, May 26th, Prize Declamation Contest, Class of 1916.
General Admission 10c.
Friday Evening, May 28th, 1915, Commencement—General Admission 25c.

All exercises to be held in the School Auditorium.

CLASS ROLL.

Class Honors—Enoldrus Charles Hickson.
Class Motton—"Onward is our Aim."
Madeline Lester Eugenia Arthur.
Eliza Bertha Boykin,
Sudie Elberta Davis,
Nellie Ethelyn Dicks,
Fannie Inez Drew,
Agnes E. Edwards,
Cecelia Verne Haynes,
Hattie Gertrude Shaw,
Rosalie Verne Thomas,
Naomi Victoria Weston,
Samuel McCotrie Durant,
Henry Manning Efflson,
Enoldrus Chas. Hickson,
Ancrum Jenkins,
Beulah Marie Heyward,
Lottie B. Jenkins,
Mary Magdalene Johnson,
Bessie Verne Moore,
Maggie Louise Parker,
John Ivory Martin,
William Gamewell Valentine,
Jarret William White,
Claudius Williams,
Richard Bernard Woods,
William O'Deary Wright.

ITALY HAS SOLDIERS.

Nearly Two Million Men Now Under Arms.

Geneva, May 16.—A telegram from Lugano, a Swiss city, near the Italian border, says that Italy now has 1,700,000 soldiers mobilized and equipped.

It is said Austria has confiscated the property of the Rothschilds, as well as that of various English, French and Russian families.

DRANK ALCOHOL BY MISTAKE.

Five Dead at Party in Atlanta Suburbs.

Atlanta, May 14.—John Blount, Emmet Blount, John Lynch, Fannie Caldwell and Mary North are dead as the result of drinking wood alcohol by mistake at a party in the suburbs of Atlanta.

WILL TEACH SWIMMING.

Opportunity Offered for Boys of Sumter Over Nine Years to Learn to Swim.

An opportunity is offered at the Young Men's Christian Association at this time for boys to learn to swim. Mr. E. T. White, physical director at the Y. M. C. A., is giving a series of five lessons to all boys in town over nine years of age, whether members of the association or not.

Any boy who desires to learn to swim can present himself at the Y. M. C. A. and secure a card granting him five lessons in swimming. He is supposed to learn in five lessons, but if he fails to pass the examination he can secure another card for lessons. All persons taking lessons are required to pass the swimming examination on Tuesday afternoon.

The lessons are given on every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 3.30 o'clock. Everybody should learn to swim and those boys over nine years of age who have not learned should avail themselves of this opportunity.

EPIDEMIC OF APPENDICITIS.

Several Bishopville Citizens Find Operations Necessary.

Mr. J. E. McCutchen, Jr., was taken suddenly ill last Friday night and carried at once to the Florence hospital to be treated for appendicitis. He was in a very critical condition, but was successfully operated on. Since then some complications have arisen and he is not doing as well as hoped.

Miss Marian Manning was taken to the Florence hospital yesterday morning to be operated on for appendicitis. Only last week her sister Louise was taken there for the same purpose and is getting on very nicely. It seems as if appendicitis is almost an epidemic.—Bishopville Leader and Vindicator.

PRISONERS WANT FOOD.

German Standard Not Sufficient for British.

London, May 17.—A representative of The Daily Mail, describing a trip he made around Germany, in the course of which he visited several prison camps, says the principal complaint of the Britishers was the insufficiency of the food, "which is furnished according to the German standards of living and these are admittedly lower than the British standard. All the men I interviewed said the food was insufficient. Some of them said they were starving."

The correspondent appeals to Britishers at home to send food and clothing to the war prisoners, declaring that he is fully convinced the Germans will do nothing to prevent the food reaching them. The correspondent is a citizen of a neutral country.

NOTE "ON HIGH PLANE."

Gov. Manning Admires President Wilson's Work.

Columbia, May 15.—"The note of President Wilson to the German government is a dispassionate but strong statement of the attitude of the United States government against repeated offenses," said Gov. Manning yesterday.

"The American note to the German government meets a grave matter on a high plane. It is a dispassionate but strong statement, couched in language which gives Germany the opportunity to comply without humiliation; yet asserts a firm demand for guarantees against repeated offenses. In this the government shows forbearance but firmness, and this, in my opinion, is the proper attitude for this government to assume."

OFF FOR METROPOLIS.

Wilson and Party Leave on Mayflower.

Washington, May 14.—President Wilson left Washington late tonight on the yacht Mayflower for New York, where he will review the Atlantic fleet next week. Cruising in leisurely fashion, the yacht will pass out of the Virginia capes about noon tomorrow and reach New York early Monday morning. Returning, she will sail for Washington Tuesday night and arrive here Thursday morning.

Accompanying the president are Secretary Tumulty, Dr. Cary T. Grayson, U. S. N., Mrs. George Howe, the president's sister; Mrs. Anna Cothran, his niece; Anna Cothran, his small grandniece, and Miss Helen Woodrow Jones, his cousin.

Mule Fell in Well.

I. A. Jenkins, colored, of Stateburg, was in town today and reported the death of a fine mule, which came about in a rather odd manner. Jenkins was ploughing corn near an old-time well, which was uncovered. The well caved in, the mule slipped into it and sustaining injuries from which it died.

COMPLAINTS FROM CURB MARKET.

Patrons Say Producer Bought Goods and Resold it at Increased Price—Dealer Stated That Curb Market Was Done Away With.

From The Daily Item, May 15.

Several complaints were made over the telephone at The Item office this morning concerning the alleged purchasing of foodstuffs by one producer from another producer and the reselling of the stuff at an increased price to consumers. Those who telephoned the Item office stated that they considered this a violation of the rules of the curb market, and they expressed their resentment in more or less vigorous terms. The alleged incident was the purchasing by Mr. J. K. Jennings from another producer of some green peas and his reselling them at an increased cost.

Mr. Jennings was asked about the matter and stated that he had considered it a business proposition and had acted on it as such. Mr. Geddings, he stated, had asked permission to sell his peas in the shed which Mr. Jennings and others had persuaded Dr. Booth to build for them and for which they are paying. Mr. Jennings stated that he had told Mr. Geddings he might use the shed for a nominal rent, or he might sell his peas on the curbing. He had then asked Mr. Geddings what he wanted for his peas and had offered to purchase them from him. Mr. Geddings had accepted his proposition and he had bought them and sold them at what he considered a fair market price. He did not consider that what had taken place between him and Mr. Geddings as anything to concern the consumers.

In relation to the curb market proposition Mr. Jennings stated that they had been driven off the curb market and had to erect a building, where they were under the same restrictions as other dealers. He therefore considered himself on the same basis as other dealers and stated that he had a right to act as he had done.

Commencement City Schools.

The commencement exercises this year will take place on the evenings of the 26th and 27th of May. The following is the roll of the class:

John Barrett,
Rowland Boyle,
Charles Bradham,
Hughes Bradley,
Wiley Brazeal,
Albert Brogdon,
Hugh Brown,
Ruth Brown,
Ann Eliza Brunson,
Joel Brunson,
Reba Brunson,
Anna Bryan,
Alvin Burns,
Charles Curtis,
Collie Deal,
Lillian Delgar,
Minnie DeLorme,
English DesChamps,
Milling DesChamps,
Mae Dunne,
Sara Edmunds,
Catherine Flowers,
John Gallagher,
John Green,
Colzy Heriot,
Edward Hinson,
Elizabeth Hood,
Walter Jennings,
Inez King,
Edward Marion,
Katie Mellette,
Vivian Middleton,
Walter Mims,
Mary Ellen Richardson,
George Rowland,
James Sanders,
William Shaw,
Henry Shaw,
Felder Smith,
Alva Solomons,
Mac Stubbs,
Virginia Thomas,
Marion Tolar,
Kathleen Walsh,
Alice Wannamaker,
Edith Williamson,
Charles Wilson,
Robert Wright.

ENGLISH PAPER'S COMMENT.

Points Out Paragraph Which It Says Jars English Feeling.

London, May 14.—"President Wilson," says the Daily Chronicle, "has at last spoken out. His note to the German government is studiously courteous, but it is very firm in substance. There is one paragraph which will jar on British feeling. It is that in which Dr. Wilson alludes to what he calls the humane and enlightened attitude hitherto assumed by the Imperial German government in matters of international right," and speaks of German influence in the field of international obligation as "always engaged upon the side of justice and humanity."

In view of Germany's flagrant violation of international right and the laws of warfare by sea and land, these compliments sound strangely to the English ear. With these reservations we think that the note is worthy both of the occasion and the great country whence it emanates."

LEAVE FOR GREENWOOD.

Hose and Hand Reel Teams to Participate in Tournament.

From The Daily Item, May 17.

The hose and hand reel teams left this morning for Greenwood to attend the firemen's convention and tournament at that place tomorrow and next day. There were ten to leave this morning and several more will go tomorrow and tonight. The racing wagon and horses, Jeff and Jim, were placed in cars and left here Saturday in charge of the driver, Isaac Young, with Messrs. Ryan White, Ormsby Blanding and Eddie Dunne in charge.

Those leaving this morning were Messrs. R. E. Wilder, chief of the department, J. H. Forbes, D. W. Cuttino, Joe Morris, John Haynsworth, Henry Brinkley, Deeward Bultman, Joe Chandler and Archie LeGrand. Al Keels, who is the fancy jumper of the racing squad, will leave tomorrow morning, as will Stansill Smith, another fireman. R. S. Hood, clerk of the State Firemen's Convention, will leave tonight to attend the convention meeting tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

The hand reel and hose teams have been practicing diligently of late and are in excellent shape for the trip. The firemen are confident of winning a number of prizes, thereby upholding the past records of the department.

PASSES THROUGH WAR ZONE.

Transylvania, Under Charter to Cunard Line, Reaches Greenwood, Scotland, From New York.

New York, May 17.—The Anchor line steamer Transylvania passed safely through the war zone about the British Isles and arrived at Greenwood, Scotland, at 3 o'clock this morning, London time, officials of the Cunard line, to which the Transylvania was under charter, announced.

Fears had been felt for the safety of the Transylvania, as she carried a large cargo of contraband and her usual course to Liverpool would take her near the point where the Lusitania was sunk by a German torpedo.

It was assumed in many quarters, however, that because of the danger of submarine attacks the Transylvania would change her course and proceed probably to a Scotch port. This surmise proved correct, as this morning's advices of her safe arrival at Greenwood, Scotland, showed.

FLOODS IN CLARENDON.

Five Inches of Rain Falls in Thirty Hours.

Manning, May 13.—Almost incessant rain all day Tuesday throughout the night and a good part of yesterday thoroughly soaked the country and filled the streams and swamps to flood stages in this section. There was an aggregate of over five inches of rainfall in about 30 hours, which came while the country was still wet from the fall of over two inches of rain during the storm of last Friday. There was no strong wind or electric disturbance accompanying the rain of yesterday and today. Up to Friday a large portion of the county was suffering from drought, there being scarcely any rainfall during the month of April. In the Panola section it is said there had been no precipitation since the snow.

SEVEN MEN KILLED BY CAR.

Chain Slips on Derrick Causing Car to Fall on Men Below.

Atlanta, May 16.—Seven men, two of them white, were killed and ten were injured, some seriously, when a derailed car overturned on the Southern railway near Toccoa, Ga., today while a wrecking crew was clearing a freight wreck. All were employees of the road.

The white men killed were: S. O. Estes, supervisor, Toccoa, and S. E. Griffin, section foreman, Liberty, S. C.

Five of the injured were white. They are: Thomas Bentley, Flowery Branch, Ga.; Boss Cash, Mount Airy, Ga.; J. C. Smith, Mount Airy, Ga., and S. E. Thomas, Lula, Ga.

Railway officials here said the accident was caused by the slipping of a chain on one of the derricks lifting the car. The men were under the suspended load.

ANXIOUS FOR IRON CROSS.

Damascus, Syria, via London, May 14.—Lieut. Von Muecke and a landing party of fifty from the German cruiser Emden, who escaped when their ship was destroyed in the Indian Ocean last November, have arrived here after six months of adventurous wandering.

"Have I won the iron cross?" was the first question asked by Lieut. Von Muecke.

He and the sailors in his command were delighted when told that they were regarded in Germany as heroes, and all had been awarded the coveted cross. The lieutenant declared all he wanted now was to get a command in the North Sea.

STOCK AND TRUCK ASSOCIATION.

To Be Organized Next Saturday at County Court House—Sumter to Be Made Live Stock Market.

The Sumter Chamber of Commerce, and President J. Frank Williams of the Sumter County Farmers' Union have called a joint meeting of the commercial organization and all farmers and others interested in establishing the live stock industry in Sumter County, and furnishing a market for the sale of cattle, hogs, and other stock.

The meeting will be held in the county court room beginning at 12 o'clock, noon.

At this meeting will be discussed also the advisability of forming a county truck association with regard to systematic marketing facilities.

With the eradication of the cattle tick in this county and releasing of Sumter and nearby counties from the quarantine heretofore in vogue against cattle tick infested counties, the opportunity for making this a splendid live stock or cattle raising county is splendid.

Intelligent and systematic efforts however with regard not only to the methods, but particularly with reference to business-like methods of marketing can be best secured by intelligent organization and cooperation in conjunction with the United States Department of Agriculture, and the South Carolina Department of Agriculture, Commerce and Labor.

The federal and State governments have well organized marketing bureaus and cattle experts, marketing experts, and other trained men who will cooperate with any well organized county effort.

The Chamber of Commerce and President Williams request that every farmer and business man interested in the future prosperity of the agricultural districts of Sumter county will attend this meeting, and interest others to attend.

The most prosperous agricultural sections of the United States are those where live stock raising is carried on with the soil cultivation, live stock and agriculture going well together on profit making farms.

The benefits of the "live at home" policy on the farm have had very practical and profitable effects already, and now that it has been demonstrated that it pays to grow truck for home consumption and for sale on the local market, it is proposed to try to grow truck of various kinds for shipment.

Education of the masses with regard to live stock and trucking, and cooperation are the chief objects of the proposed association.

PASS MILITARY EXAMINATIONS.

E. M. Blythe, Greenville, and H. B. Springs, Georgetown, Qualified to Receive Colonelcy.

Columbia, May 17.—It was announced this morning that E. M. Blythe of Greenville and H. B. Springs of Georgetown have passed the required examinations for commissions as colonels for the First and Second regiments.

The action of City Council in making a small monthly appropriation to defray the operating expenses of the Civic League library is a step in the right direction and will result ultimately, it is hoped and believed, in the establishment of a public library adequate to the needs of the community. The Civic League has done a praiseworthy work in maintaining the library unassisted, and now with the support of the city council the enlargement and development of the library can be undertaken with confident hope of success.

COLDS AFFECT THE KIDNEYS.

Many Sumter People Have Found this to Be True.

Are you wretched in bad weather? Does every cold settle on your kidneys?

Does your back ache and become weak?

Are urinary passages irregular and distressing?

These symptoms are cause to suspect kidney weakness.

Weakened kidneys need quick help. Doan's Kidney Pills are especially prepared for weakened kidneys.

Sumter people recommend them.

L. J. Boniface, iron moulder, 101 Kendrick St., Sumter, says: "Heavy lifting disordered my kidneys, and my back became so stiff and lame that I could hardly stoop. I had dizzy headaches and the kidney secretions annoyed me by passing too freely. The least cold I caught settled on my kidneys and made me worse. When I read about Doan's Kidney Pills I tried them and they removed all signs of the trouble."

Price 50c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Boniface had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.